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c. 1925

H. Glenwood Evans & Son
Crisfield
Private

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His son Preston Evans owned his own airplane after World War II, and worked as a fish spotter out of Crisfield. The company sold 900-1800 bushels of bait a day for crab pots and chum for rock fishing, purchasing menhaden from purse seiners and pound netters in Virginia waters. The company had its own tanker that serviced workboats in the harbor. When the fish business took up too much time, the company sold the oil business to Tawes Brothers.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. S-507

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic H. Glenwood Evans & Son
other

2. Location

street and number Dock Street ☐ not for publication
city, town Crisfield vicinity
county Somerset

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lewis J. Peele
street and number P. O. Box 223 telephone
city, town Norfolk state Maryland zip code 23501

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 338 folio 223
city, town Princess Anne tax map 102 tax parcel 182 tax ID number 7-131992

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The H. Glenwood Evans & Son packinghouse stands on the edge of the harbor on Dock Street in Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-part, rusticated concrete block packinghouse stands at the entrance to Somers Cove and faces southwest.

Built around 1925, the two-part rusticated concrete block packinghouse has a two-story front section and a single-story rear wing. The rusticated concrete block walls of the two-story section rise to a low pitched pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the two-story front section is a single story hip roofed rear wing of rusticated block wall construction and a medium pitched hip roof covered in metal. Standing directly behind the old packinghouse is a two-story concrete block apartment house. The packinghouse is no longer functional as a seafood packing facility.

The southwest (main) façade is a asymmetrical façade with two boarded up center entrances and boarded over window openings to each side. The second story is defined by a double door opening flanked to each side by single-pane sash windows. The edge of the hip roof is finished with a plain boxed cornice.

The southeast side elevation faces the entrance to Somers Cove. Due to a difference in the paint color on the side wall it is clear an addition has been removed from this side. A boarded up door opening pierces the first floor along with an adjacent six-pane window. The second floor is marked by a single-pane sash window in the upper northeast (right) corner above the former roofline of the addition. A single flue brick chimney stack pierces the roof slope.

Covering the northeast (rear) wall of the front section is the single-story concrete block wing. Small six-pane windows pierce the upper wall surface of the main block above the roofline of the wing. The rusticated block wall is pierced by an assortment of boarded up door and window openings. Several pieces of the crab processing equipment stand in the side yard of the property.

The interior was not open to inspection.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

H. Glenwood Evans purchased the old O. P. Gibson seafood packing company in the Brooklyn section of Crisfield, and eventually owned the stretch of waterfront along the north side of the inlet to Somers Cove. He manufactured wooden soft crab boxes from pine cut in his own wood lot. Wooden crab boxes came in 80, 60, 30, and 20 pound sizes with wooden tops. In the 1930s, the company trucked soft crabs and oysters to New York as Seafood Express.

His son Preston Evans owned his own airplane after World War II, and worked as a fish spotter out of Crisfield. The company sold 900-1800 bushels of bait a day for crab pots and chum for rock fishing, purchasing menhaden from purse seiners and pound netters in Virginia waters. They were a dealer for Sinclair Oil, providing home heating oil as well as gas and diesel to workboats. The company had its own tanker that serviced workboats in the harbor. When the fish business took up too much time, the company sold the oil business to Tawes Brothers.

The company moved across the inlet to Jersey Island when Preston Evans purchased the property of the George A. Christy Company from Richard Christy. They eventually purchased the adjacent property of L. R. Carson and Carol Dryden and demolished the buildings. They also acquired the property of E. M. Plitt where their soft-crab shedding operation is today. On the site of the former W. E. Gibson & Bro. packinghouse a parking lot was established between the old Christy and L. R. Carson buildings. The bait business declined when small commercial freezers were affordable, and other companies around the Bay began building their own. Today, the company continues to sell frozen, boxed bait from Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

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Bob Evans joined the company and added hard crabs in 1981 and began to shed soft crabs in 1986-87. Today they sell live hard crabs and fresh soft crabs all over the East Coast from Massachusetts to Texas. Frozen soft crabs are shipped nation-wide. At the peak of the soft-crab season, May to mid-June, the company employs 35-40 people. They buy hard crabs year-round. The company has one huge freezer and a small freezer, four big coolers, and an ice room. They have a fleet of trucks that includes two 10-wheelers, four 6-wheelers, and three pick-up trucks that are used to ship crabs from North Carolina to New York.¹

¹ Interviews with Robert P. Evans III, December 10 & 27, 2001.

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H. Glenwood Evans & Son
Crisfield Harbor
Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 102, Parcel 182

338/223

The Tangier Sound Company

to

3/24/1983

Lewis J. Peele
\$75,000

302/102

William S. Cox and Virginia B. Cox,
Barry S. Arndt and Catherine C. Arndt

to

7/30/1977

The Tangier Sound Company
11,925 square feet....part of the property surveyed for William Bus Cox
and Richard Butler, 12/12/1973, File No. S-1672.....the lot is fully
bulkheaded, and it is improved with an office and a crab picking plant

277/473

Elma Evans Windsor Bozman

to

12/20/1973

William S. Cox
Virginia B. Cox

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232/379

Elma Evans Windsor, executrix of Prentiss W. Evans

to

10/28/1963

Elma Evans Windsor

155/227

N. Y. P. and N. Railroad Company

to

10/16/1951

W. Prentiss Evans
\$25,000

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview with Robert P. Evans III, December 10 and 27, 2001
Somerset County Land Records, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.
(For full list of resources see footnotes)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .27 acre
Acreage of historical setting .27 acre
Quadrangle name Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

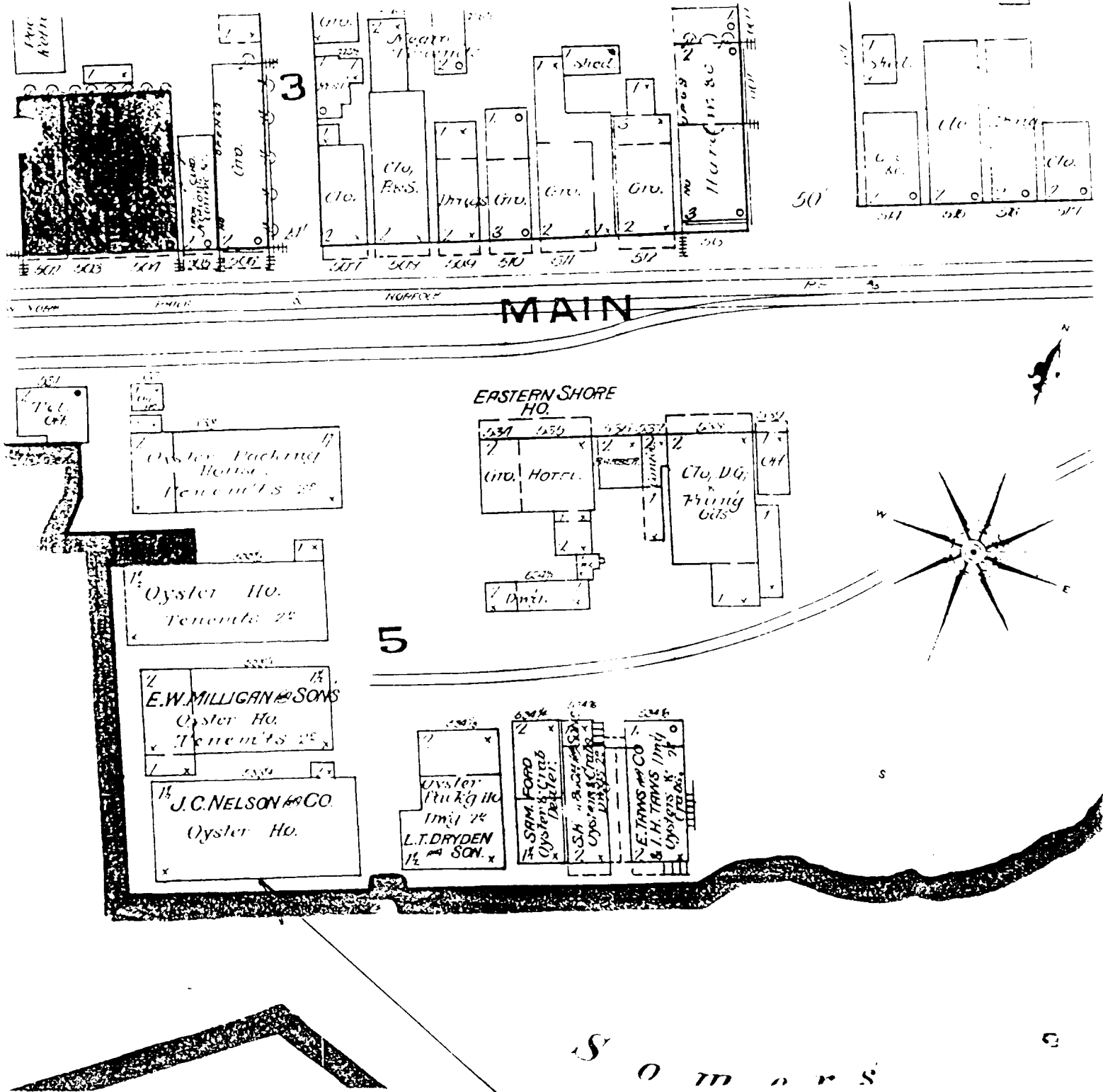
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian, Virginia Jenkins, Business Historian, CBMM		
organization	Private Consultants	date	12/10/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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S-507, H. Glenwood Evans & Son
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1885

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SHEET

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EASTERN SHORE HO.

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Oyster Hi.

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A hand-drawn map of a farm property with various buildings and fields labeled. The map is oriented with North at the top. The labels include: "L. T. DRYDEN & SON" (top left), "DORMER & SONS" (top center), "S. H. BISSON & SONS" (top right), "E. JAMES & CO. BATH" (middle left), "C. JAMES & CO. BATH" (middle right), "S. H. BISSON & SONS" (bottom left), "DORMER & SONS" (bottom center), and "L. T. DRYDEN & SON" (bottom right). The map also shows a river or stream on the left side and a road or path on the right side.

Trans Co 8117

S. H. GIBSON & SONS
DISTRICT MANAGERS

Sam Ford

Mr. Dymally Rocky Ho.

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W. N.

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Oyster 46 Tonnage 20

12 E. W. Halloran & Son's
Upper Mi.

1/2 N. STERLING.
CIN. MO.

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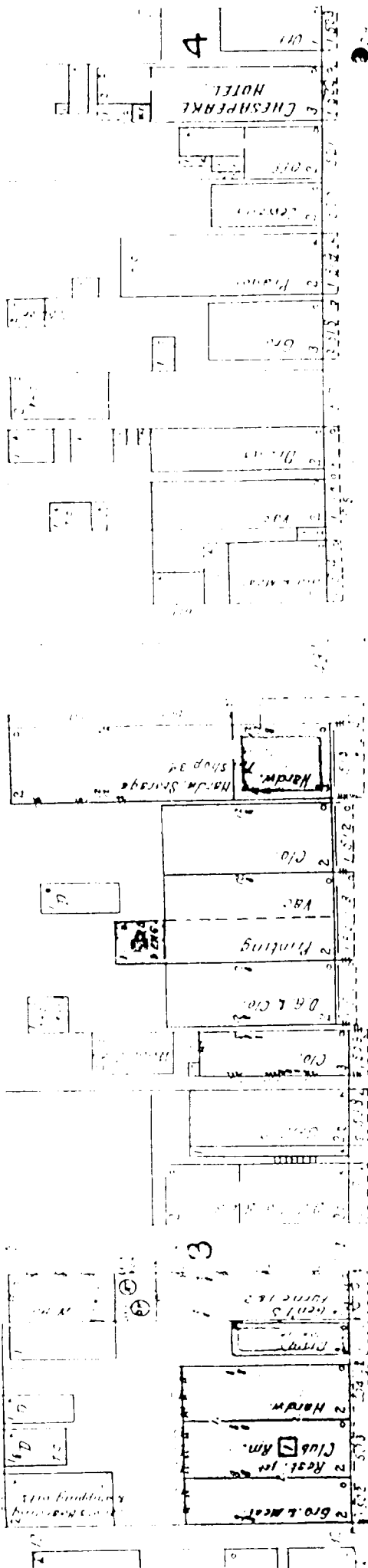
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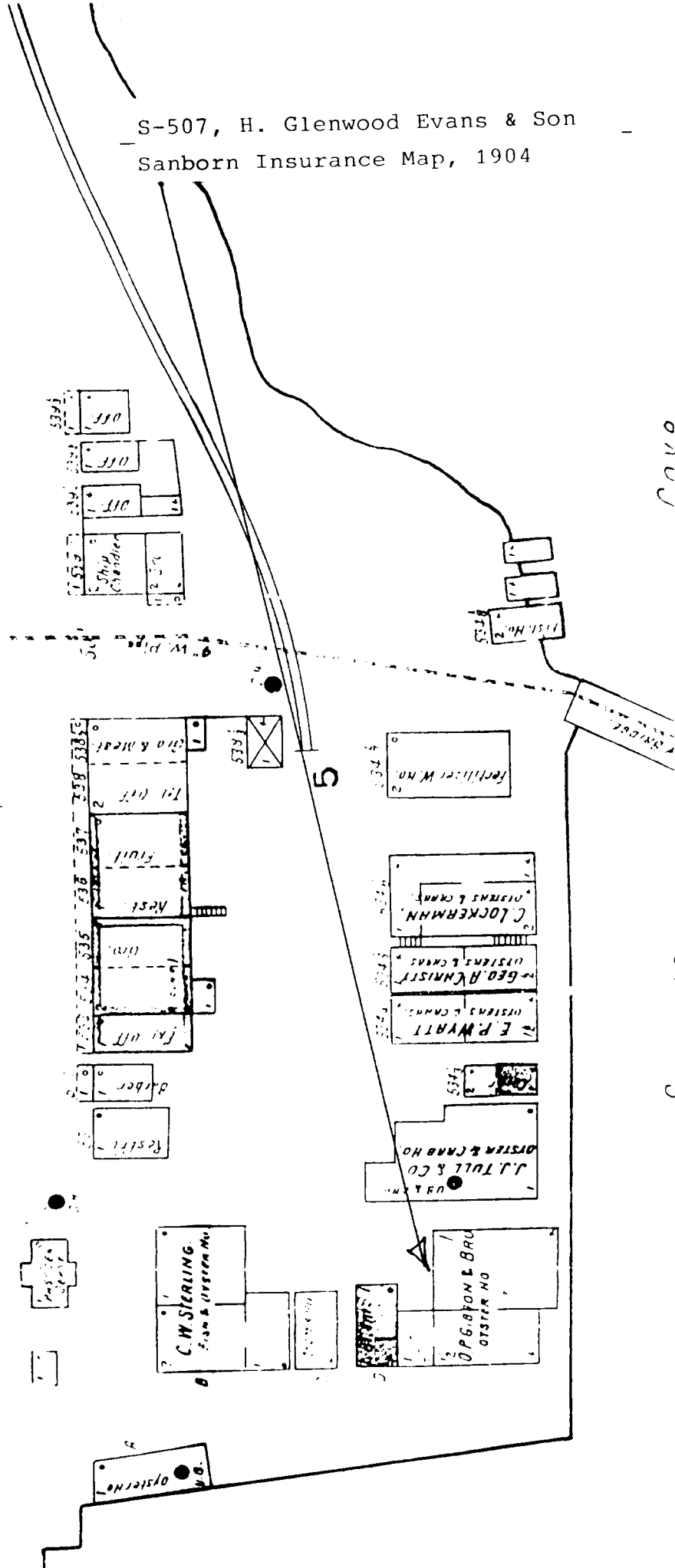
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Hand-drawn floor plan of a building with multiple rooms and corridors. The plan is oriented with a north arrow pointing towards the top right. The layout includes a large central hall, several smaller rooms, and a kitchen area. The rooms are labeled with their names and dimensions. The labels are: 'KITCHEN' (top left), 'HALL' (top center), 'LIVING ROOM' (top right), 'DINING ROOM' (middle left), 'BATH' (middle center), 'BED ROOM' (middle right), 'HALL' (bottom left), 'LIVING ROOM' (bottom center), 'DINING ROOM' (bottom right), and 'KITCHEN' (bottom left). The dimensions are: 'KITCHEN' (10' x 10'), 'HALL' (10' x 10'), 'LIVING ROOM' (10' x 10'), 'DINING ROOM' (10' x 10'), 'BATH' (5' x 5'), 'BED ROOM' (10' x 10'), 'HALL' (10' x 10'), 'LIVING ROOM' (10' x 10'), 'DINING ROOM' (10' x 10'), and 'KITCHEN' (10' x 10').

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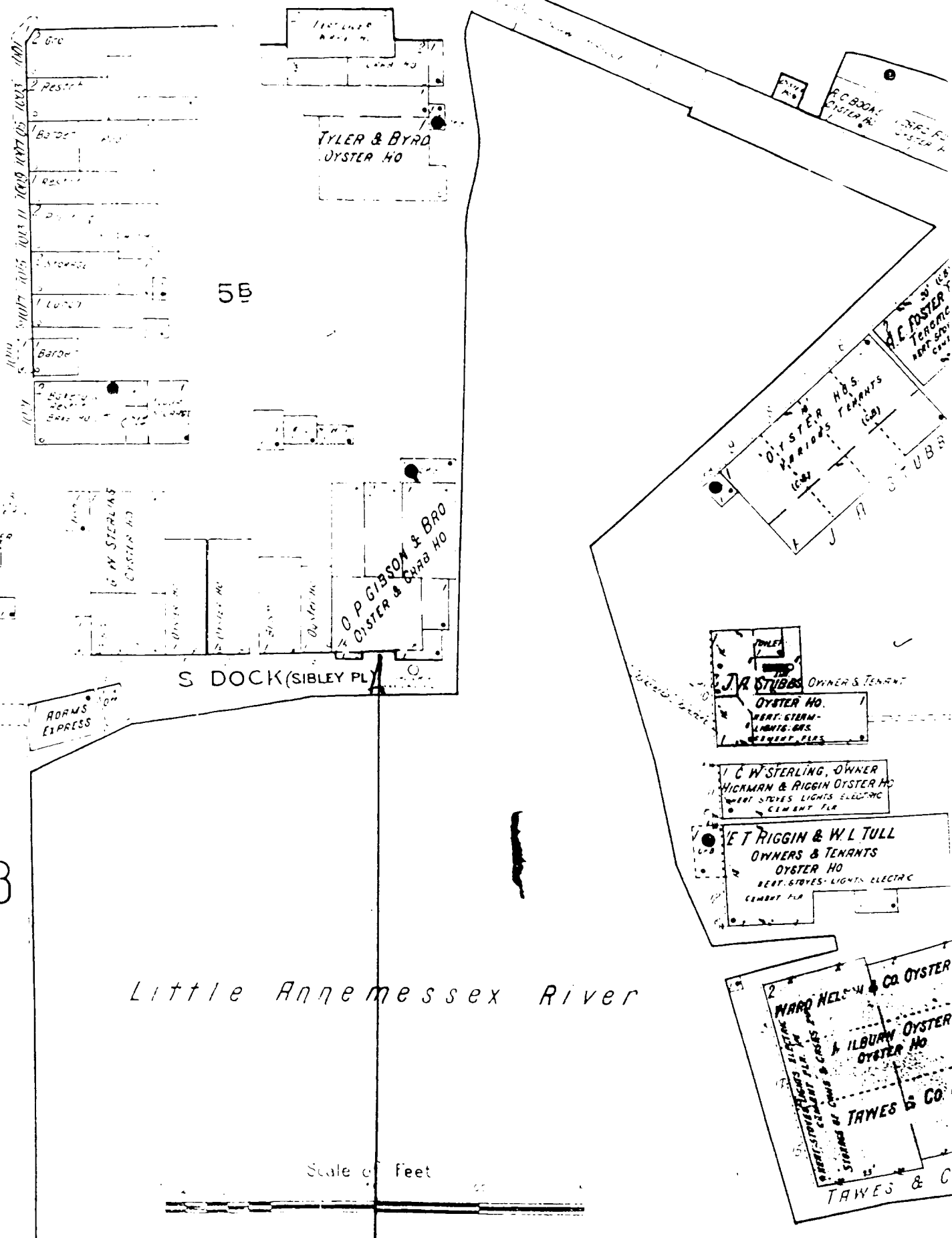


Hand-drawn sketch map of the area around the L.C.W. James Car Wash. The map shows several buildings, including a large one labeled "L.C.W. JAMES CAR WASH" and a smaller one labeled "CAR WASH". A road labeled "Rt. 1" runs along the right side. A dashed line indicates a boundary or road. A diagonal line crosses the left side of the map. Various other labels and markings are present, including "L.C.W. JAMES CAR WASH", "CAR WASH", "Rt. 1", and "L.C.W. JAMES CAR WASH".

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A hand-drawn floor plan of a building, oriented vertically. The plan includes several rooms and areas, each labeled with text. At the top is a small rectangular area labeled 'FISH'. Below it is a large rectangular area labeled 'C. W. STERLING FISH & OYSTER HO.'. To the right of this area is a smaller rectangular area labeled 'LATH HO.'. Below the 'LATH HO.' area is another rectangular area labeled 'STERLING FISH'. To the right of the 'STERLING FISH' area is a rectangular area labeled 'FISH HO.'. Below the 'FISH HO.' area is a rectangular area labeled '10-STER HO.'. To the right of the '10-STER HO.' area is a rectangular area labeled 'O. P. GIBSON & BRO. OYSTER & CRAB ME?'. At the bottom of the plan is a rectangular area labeled '1/2'. To the right of the '1/2' area is a rectangular area labeled '522'. The plan also includes several small circles, possibly representing doors or windows, and a large 'X' mark in the center.

SIBLEY PL. HORTON



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S-507, H. Glenwood Evans & Son
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1923

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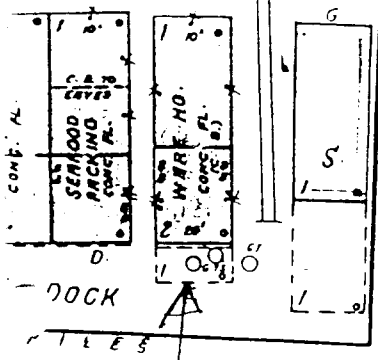
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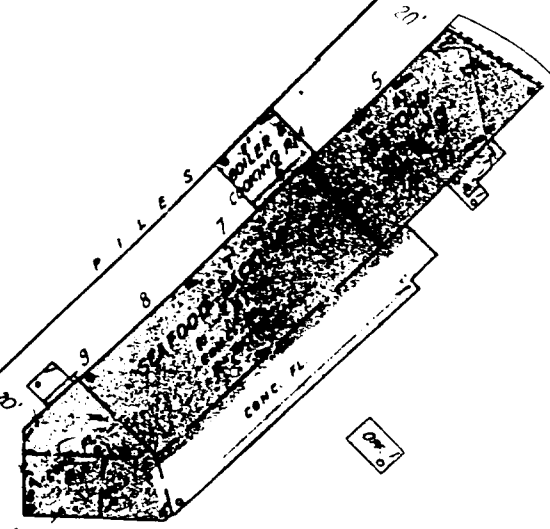
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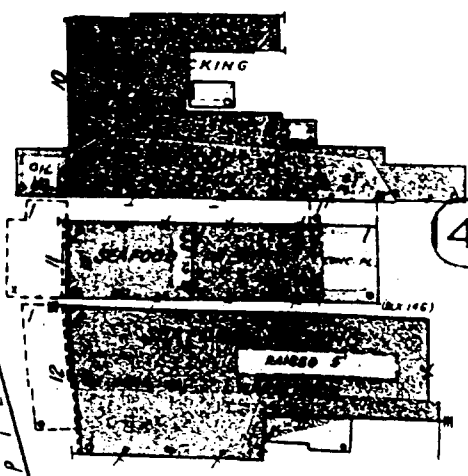


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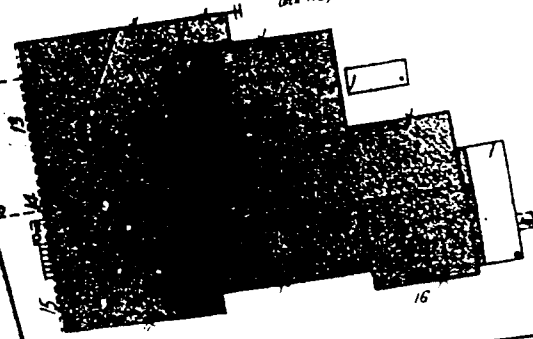
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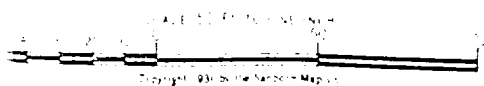
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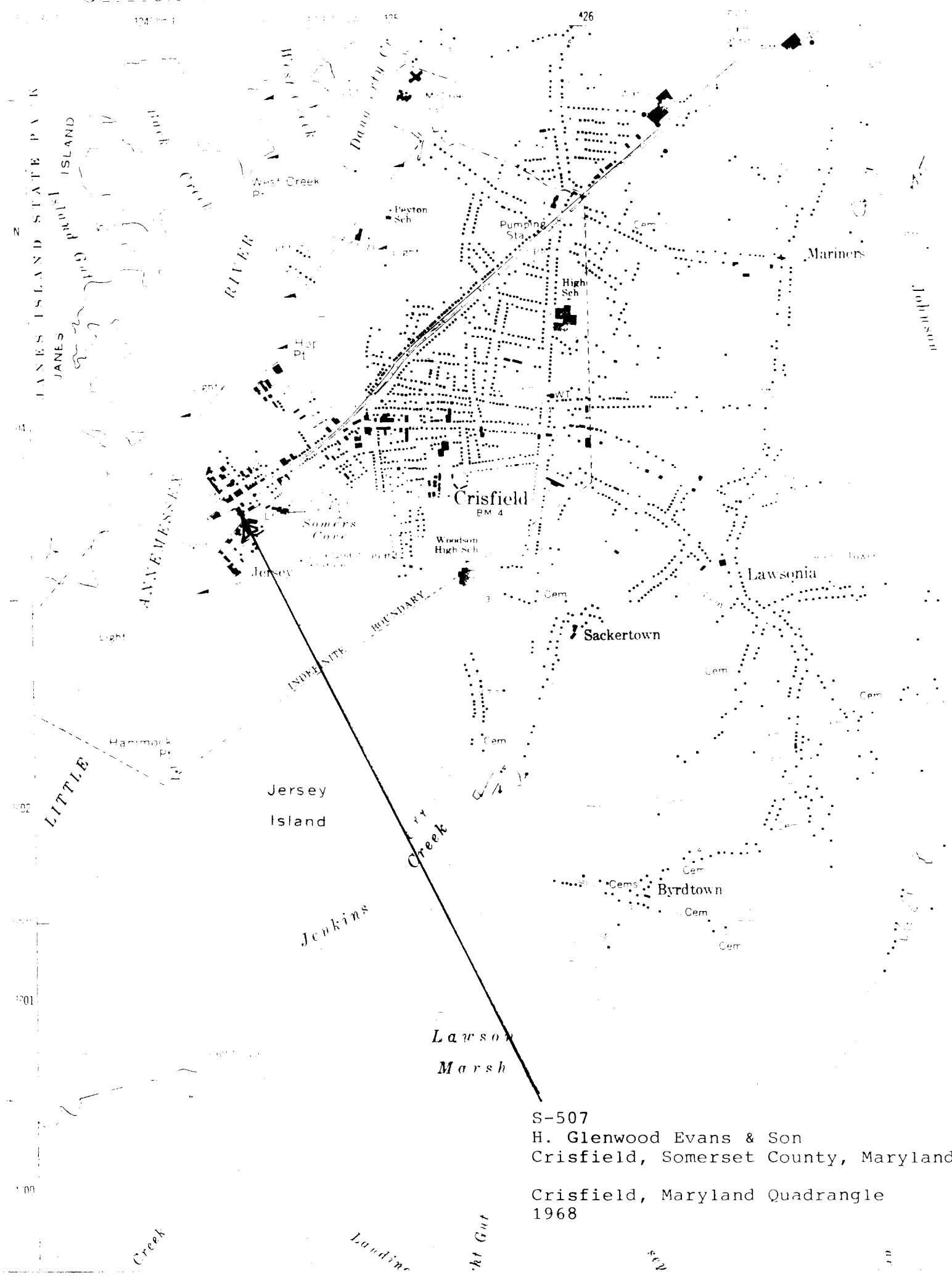
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Annemessex River

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1931





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H. Glenwood Evans & Son
Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland

Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle
1968



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CRISFIELD, SOMERSET Co., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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H. GLENWOOD + SW PACKING HOUSE

CRICKET, SOMERSET Co., MD.

SOOTH ELEVATION

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14. GLENWOOD EVANS & SON PACKINGHOUSE
CRISMAN, SOMERSET CO. MD

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